

What is claimed is:

1. A document delivery apparatus connected via a network to a plurality of external devices and a plurality of servers, comprising:

delivery setting means for making delivery settings for document information received from the external devices;

- receiving means for receiving document information from the external devices; and

- delivery means for determining a delivery destination for the received document information, based on the delivery settings, and for delivering the received document information to the determined delivery destination.

2. A document delivery apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the delivery destination comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of a document management server that manages documents, a mail server that delivers electronic mails, and an external device that executes jobs.

3. A document delivery apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the delivery destination for the received document information comprises a document management server that manages documents, and said delivery means comprises control means for delivering additional information acquired from the external

device together with the document information to said document management server as index information, and registering the document information and the index information in said document management server.

5           4. A document delivery apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the received document information comprises a document received by fax, and the additional information comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of information on a  
10 transmitter of the received fax document, reception time information relating to the received fax document, and document page number information.

          5. A document delivery apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the delivery destination for the  
15 received document information comprises a document management server that manages documents, and wherein the document delivery apparatus comprises control means operable when the received document information is delivered to the document management server, for  
20 notifying by electronic mail to at least one predetermined electronic mail address that the document information has been registered.

          6. A document delivery apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the delivery settings are set for each  
25 of the plurality of external devices that are transmission sources of the document information.

          7. A document delivery apparatus according to

claim 1, comprising control means for controlling said delivery setting means such that delivery settings are made in accordance with instructions from any of said external devices.

5           8. A document delivery apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the document information comprises information selected from the group consisting of received fax document information and scan document information.

10           9. A document delivery apparatus according to claim 1, wherein, when the document information is in a format different from one handled by the delivery destination, said delivery means converts the format of the document information to the one handled by the  
15 delivery destination and then delivers the document information to the delivery destination.

          10. A document delivery apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the external devices have at least one function selected from the group consisting of an image  
20 reading function, and a facsimile transmission and reception function.

          11. A document delivery method for controlling a delivery device connected via a network to a plurality of external devices and a plurality of servers,  
25 comprising:

          a receiving step of receiving document information from the external devices; and

a delivery step of determining a delivery destination for the received document information, based on delivery settings, and delivering the received document information to the determined delivery destination.

12. A document delivery method according to claim 11, wherein the delivery destination comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of a document management server that manages documents, a mail server that delivers electronic mails, and an external device that executes jobs.

13. A document delivery method according to claim 11, wherein the delivery destination for the received document information comprises a document management server that manages documents, and said delivery step comprises a control step of delivering additional information acquired from the external device together with the document information to said document management server as index information, and registering the document information and the index information in said document management server.

14. A document delivery method according to claim 13, wherein the received document information comprises a document received by fax, and the additional information comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of information on a transmitter of the received fax document, reception time information

relating to the received fax document, and document page number information.

15. A document delivery method according to claim 11, wherein the delivery destination for the received document information comprises a document management server that manages documents, and wherein the document delivery method comprises a control step of notifying by electronic mail to at least one predetermined electronic mail address that the document information has been registered, when the received document information is delivered to the document management server.

16. A document delivery method according to claim 11, wherein the delivery settings are set for each of the plurality of external devices that are transmission sources of the document information.

17. A document delivery method according to claim 11, comprising a delivery setting step of controlling delivery settings such that the delivery settings are made in accordance with instructions from any of said external devices.

18. A document delivery method according to claim 11, wherein the document information comprises information selected from the group consisting of received fax document information and scan document information.

19. A document delivery method according to claim

11, wherein, when the document information is in a format different from one handled by the delivery destination, in said delivery step the format of the document information is converted to the one handled by the delivery destination and then the document information is delivered to the delivery destination.

20. A document delivery method according to claim 11, wherein the external devices have at least one function selected from the group consisting of an image reading function, and a facsimile transmission and reception function.

21. A document delivery program executed on a computer for controlling a document delivery apparatus connected via a network to a plurality of external devices and a plurality of servers, comprising:

a receiving step of receiving document information from the external devices; and

a delivery step of determining a delivery destination for the received document information, based on delivery settings, and delivering the received document information to the determined delivery destination.

22. A document delivery program according to claim 21, wherein the delivery destination comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of a document management server that manages documents, a mail server that delivers electronic mails, and an

external device that executes jobs.

23. A document delivery program according to claim 21, wherein the delivery destination for the received document information comprises a document management server that manages documents, and said delivery step comprises a control step of delivering additional information acquired from the external device together with the document information to said document management server as index information, and registering the document information and the index information in said document management server.

24. A document delivery program according to claim 23, wherein the received document information comprises a document received by fax, and the additional information comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of information on a transmitter of the received fax document, reception time information relating to the received fax document, and document page number information.

25. A document delivery program according to claim 21, wherein the delivery destination for the received document information comprises a document management server that manages documents, and wherein the document delivery program comprises a control step of notifying by electronic mail to at least one predetermined electronic mail address that the document information has been registered, when the received

document information is delivered to the document management server.

26. A document delivery program according to claim 21, wherein the delivery settings are set for  
5 each of the plurality of external devices that are transmission sources of the document information.

27. A document delivery program according to claim 21, comprising a delivery setting step of  
controlling delivery settings such that the delivery  
10 settings are made in accordance with instructions from any of said external devices.

28. A document delivery program according to 21,  
wherein the document information comprises information selected from the group consisting of received fax  
15 document information and scan document information.

29. A document delivery program according to claim 21, wherein, when the document information is in a format different from one handled by the delivery destination, in said delivery step the format of the  
20 document information is converted to the one handled by the delivery destination and then the document information is delivered to the delivery destination.

30. A document delivery method according to claim 21, wherein the external devices have at least one  
25 function selected from the group consisting of an image reading function, and a facsimile transmission and reception function



31. A computer-readable storage medium storing a document delivery program for controlling a document delivery apparatus connected via a network to a plurality of external devices and a plurality of  
5 servers, comprising:

a receiving step of receiving document information from the external devices; and

a delivery step of determining a delivery destination for the received document information,  
10 based on delivery settings, and delivering the received document information to the determined delivery destination.

32. A document delivery system comprising:  
a network;  
15 a plurality of external devices;  
a plurality of servers; and

a document delivery apparatus connected via said network to said plurality of external devices and said plurality of servers, said document delivery apparatus  
20 comprising:

delivery setting means for making delivery settings for document information received from said external devices;

receiving means for receiving document information  
25 from said external devices; and

delivery means for determining a delivery destination for the received document information,

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